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Report for the Month of February 1957

1. Projects 22.1568, "Survey of Selected Plastics in the Soviet Bloc," and 20.1726, "Estimated Production of Selected Commodities in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1956-1957," were completed and submitted to St/PR.

2. Various contributions to NIE's, other Area-Wide projects, and CSS were completed. Two Branch projects were reviewed in D/M and are now being revised for submission to St/PR in March.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED], Chief, Editorial Division, OBI, and other OBI  
25X1A9a representatives met with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and other ERA repre- 25X1A9a  
sentatives for a comprehensive briefing on ERA research methods,  
standards and procedures, and to discuss the ERA position on the  
validity of Sino-Soviet Bloc statistics.

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED], M/AG, visited [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1  
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] in connection with an external research project on  
agriculture in the USSR.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED], Chief, M/FM, visited Pittsburgh for the  
25X1A9a purpose of conferring with ORR consultants [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

6. M/NF prepared memoranda for the DD/I and DCI on the subject  
of titanium.

7. Members of the Food and Agriculture Branch met with repre-  
sentatives of State and Agriculture to coordinate the estimate of  
USSR grain production for 1956. The M/AG estimate of 115 million  
metric tons was accepted by the two departments. [REDACTED] estimate 25X1X7  
is 115-120 million metric tons, with the further statement that the  
lower figure in the range is most probable.

8. For the first time in 20 years, the USSR, in its plan ful-  
fillment announcements for 1956, revealed an absolute figure for the  
production of sulphuric acid and a percentage increase over 1955.  
Heretofore, the Soviets had not revealed even yearly percentage  
increases. The M/CH estimates for 1955 and 1956 varied by less than  
5 percent from the officially reported figures.

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9. ██████████, M/EP, participated by invitation in two meetings of the Electric Power Subcommittee of the Fissionable Materials Working Group, JAEIC, convened to estimate electric power consumption by the Soviet Atomic Energy Program. ██████████'s estimate was accepted by the subcommittee.

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10. ██████████, M/EP, resigned effective 28 February 1957.

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